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1. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Elly Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and confirmed Friday, 4 June, at 2:30 for the Director to brief on a Section 662 finding.

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2. [REDACTED] LIAISON In response to his call, confirmed with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, Monday, 7 June at 2:00 for the Director to brief the Subcommittee on Defense on a Section 662 finding. Mr. Preston said the briefing would be in room H 140, Capitol.

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3. [REDACTED] LIAISON Dropped by the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.) and in his absence talked with Dr. Mark Thurber, his Administrative Assistant, about the Senator's letter of 26 May 1976 to the Director expressing an interest in our assessment of the situation in the Middle East and Lebanon. I asked whether he knew if the Senator would prefer a briefing or some briefing papers on these topics. He said he was quite sure the Senator would prefer a briefing, but would check on this and be back in touch with me tomorrow.

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4. [REDACTED] LIAISON Mr. Jon Holstine, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Operations, House International Relations Committee, inquired as to whether the Agency "placed any credence in" an FBIS item of 25 May regarding Latin American Communists being sent to European Communist parties. [REDACTED]

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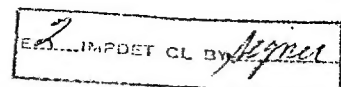
 LIAISON Called Marian Czarnecki, Staff Director, House International Relations Committee, and told him about the flap concerning the transcript of a hearing which we had recently corrected. We had dealt with him on this before but he was out of town when this development occurred last week. I reviewed the development with him and told him that we had corrected the record in accordance with his instructions and with the approval of the members concerned.

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15. BRIEFING Called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee, and informed him that hearings were being scheduled for the Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act briefings. Czarnecki said he will be in touch with Chairman Thomas Morgan (D., Pa.).

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16. BRIEFING Called Ralph Preston, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee staff, and informed him that hearings were being scheduled for the Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act briefings. Preston said he will be in touch with Chairman George Mahon (D., Texas).

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17. LIAISON Met with Representative Otis Pike (D., N.Y.) and informed him of our responsibility to advise the Department of Justice and the need to notify the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct concerning the possible compromise of classified documents abroad. I explained we were keeping him informed in view of the exchange of correspondence between himself and the Director on this subject. Mr. Pike interposed no objections to our proceeding with the notifications. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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18. LIAISON While on the Hill, I got a call from Robert Fink, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee staff, who wanted to know the status of Chairwoman Bella Abzug's (D., N.Y.) request concerning

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I said I would check on the status of the reply but in effect the facts are that they will get a report as soon as all the information is available for the Department of Justice's brief on the motion to vacate judgment. In response to Fink's reference to the possibility

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found, I said that this is not so and that as I explained to Tim Ingram, Staff Director of the Subcommittee, at the outset that as soon as this matter came to our attention, no additional material related to the program had been found and that all that was involved was our assumption that

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11. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION During a luncheon discussion with Messrs. Jon Holstine, on the Subcommittee on International Operations, House International Relations Committee, and Tom Smeeton, on the Minority staff of the Committee, Mr. Holstine informed me that the State Department authorization bill (which we had been following because of the possibility that Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) "gift" amendment might be tacked on) would not come to the floor of the House before 9 June. Mr. Holstine opined that the gift amendment was not of the sort that, in his experience, would be proposed as a floor amendment and that he still had seen no evidence indicating any interest in tacking-on such an amendment to the House bill.

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12. [REDACTED] BRIEFING Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and said the Committee would also like to cover the counteraudio monitoring at tomorrow's briefing. Messrs. Jack Blake, DDA, Tony Lapham, OGC, and Bob Gambino, D/OS, were alerted.

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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Tom Latimer, Department of Defense, in connection with the best procedures to follow in connection with getting coordination on a views letter on legislation which we believe affects the Intelligence Community at large. Latimer said we could contact the individual elements of the Intelligence Community, such as NSA and DIA, as we have in the past when a rapid response is required and otherwise recommended that we send our proposed views letter to him and he will check it out with their Legislative or General Counsels as appropriate, and with Ambassador Robert Ellsworth. The instant case involves S. 2925 (zero based budget).

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14. [REDACTED] LIAISON Dick Nelson, Administrative Assistant to Representative L. A. "Skip" Bafalis (R., Fla.), called on an individual who does a lot of traveling abroad and who is interested in rendering service with the Agency. I suggested he put the identifying details in a note and we would pick it up and make contact.

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1. [REDACTED] LIAISON John Matheni, NSC staff, called (after a long delay) to inform us that they have no objections to our providing the follow-up to the Mayaguez Post Mortem to the Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee. I explained again the background as to why we felt the NSC should provide the document, something which Matheni had lost sight of in the delay. He said he would run the matter through the machine again and get back to me.

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2. [REDACTED] LIAISON I took a call from Don Hoye, on the staff of Representative Dan Daniel (D., Va.), who cited the New York Times' 4 June article [REDACTED] and asked to have a copy of the text in order not to have to rely on news media. This was passed to Mr. Cary, who will handle the matter.

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3. [REDACTED] LIAISON Took a call from Tom Smeeton, on the staff of the House International Relations Committee, who asked for background [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I told him I would look into it and get back to him.

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Mr. Miller will handle.

Smeeton also asked about Frank Snepp's recent comments in the news media with respect to documents, files, and data recovered by the North Vietnamese when they invaded Saigon. Smeeton said the allegations had caused considerable comments by people such as Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.) and asked for some insight into the allegations and the facts. I told him I would look into it and get back to him.

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4. [REDACTED] Delivered to the offices of Representatives Philip Crane (R., Ill.), Jonathan B. Bingham (D., N.Y.), and Senators Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Floyd K. Haskell (D., Colo.), Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), and John C. Culver (D., Iowa) FBIS items in which their names were mentioned.

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